



Docket No. 2629-4017

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): James ANTHONY; Attila LORINCZ; John TROY; and Yanlin TANG
Group Art Unit: 1637
Serial No.: 09/594,839
Examiner: Suryaprabha CHUNDURU
Filed: June 15, 2000
For: DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS BY TYPE-SPECIFIC HYBRID CAPTURE METHOD

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 22, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Applicants have petitioned for a one (1) month extension of time and paid concurrently herewith the appropriate fee for extending the period of response up to and including Saturday, January 22, 2005. Under 37 C.F.R. §1.7(a) when the last day to take action falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday within the District of Columbia, the action may be taken on the next succeeding business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or Federal holiday, *i.e.*, January 24, 2005 without additional extension fees. Entry and consideration of the amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants present the following amendment and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.